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1. SECRETARY DE MARTINO'S REPLY CLOSING CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE THIS MORNING SHOW THAT HE HAS SUCCEEDED IN KEEPING ALL SOCIALIST (PSI) OPTIONS OPEN, AT LEAST UNTIL AFTER THE NEXT NATIONAL ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, IN DEFERENCE TO THE OVERWHELMING SENTIMENT WITHIN HIS PARTY ON THE SUBJECT, HE CLOSED THE DOOR ON ANY RETURN TO GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE NEXT NATIONAL ELECTIONS.

2. IN KEEPING SOCIALIST OPTIONS OPEN, DEMARTINO ALSO SUCCEEDED IN MODIFYING THE PSI'S POSITION DEMANDING ASSOCIATION OF THE PCI TO THE MAJORITY, AS IT EMERGED LAST SUMMER. PSI WILL NOW REFUSE TO ENTER ANY GOVERNMENT PREJUDICALLY CLOSED TO, OR CONCEIVED AS AN ANTITHESIS TO, THE PCI, BUT IT WILL NOT INSIST ON INCLUDING OR ASSOCIATING THE PCI TO THE GOVERNMENT'S MAJORITY. THE ARGUMENT WHICH WON THE DAY ON THIS POINT AGAINST THE LEFT WING (WHICH WANTED TO MAKE PCI INCLUSION IN THE GOVERNMENT ITSELF A CONDITION OF PSI PARTICIPATION) WAS THAT THE PSI SHOULD NOT SUBORDINATE ITS DECISIONS TO THOSE OF THE PCI.

3. DEMARTINO AGAIN REJECTED THE HISTORIC COMPROMISE, REAFFIRMED THE NEED TO CREATE, GRADUALLY AND RESPONSIBLY, THE CONDITIONS FOR THE SOCIALIST ALTERNATIVE, AND OPPOSED AN IMMEDIATE ALLIANCE WITH THE PCI BECAUSE IT WOULD SUBMIT THE PSI TO PCI HEGIMONY. (HE EVEN OPPOSED STRUCTURED CONSULTATIONS WITH THE PCI.)

4. DEMARTINO MAINTAINED A POSITION OF INDIFFERENCE ON THE QUESTION OF EARLY ELECTIONS. HOWEVER, ALMOST ALL SPEAKERS IN THE DEBATE MADE CLEAR THEY EXPECTED AN EARLY DISSOLUTION OF PARLIAMENT, AND SOME, LIKE DEPUTY SECRETARY CRAXI, OPENLY FAVORED THEM.

5. UNITARY DOCUMENT EMBODYING SOCIALIST LINE WILL BE VOTED UNANIMOUSLY THIS EVENING. FULLER REPORT AND COMMENT WILL FOLLOW. VOLPE

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